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SUBJECT: KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER ACTIVITY REPORT – WEEK ENDING
July 1, 2005

This is to provide you with an activity report for the week ending July 1, 2005 for King/Drew Medical Center (KDMC).

• **Physicians**

- The 2005-06 resident training year began this week and new residents entering the training program began their residencies. They were provided an orientation that included information on the chain of command, attending supervision requirements and communication methods to help in discussing patient cases with attending physicians.
- Radiology staffing continues to be a shift-to-shift struggle. The backlog continues to grow.

• **Nursing**

- A job offer was made for a permanent medical-surgical clinical director of nursing.
- It was identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and State Licensing review that annual EMTALA training for the Emergency Department staff was needed. The curriculum was developed for all disciplines. Approximately 75 percent of the Emergency Department nursing staff has completed the training.

- Based on inconsistencies in the use of the Emergency Department triage policy identified by the CMS and State Licensing review, new training was initiated. It is being conducted in a drill fashion similar to the Code Nine training. Approximately 75 percent of the Emergency Department nursing staff has reviewed the triage policy again.
- To improve consistency in the triage process of the Emergency Department, Navigant will be assigning dedicated staff instead of rotating all Emergency Department nursing staff.
- ***Drew University***
 - Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science announced on June 27, 2005, the election of Thomas M. Priselac, MPH, to its Board of Trustees. Mr. Priselac has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cedars-Sinai Health System since 1994, where he has assisted in guiding Cedars-Sinai Health System in becoming one of the nation's leading providers of health services, graduate and continuing medical education services, and medical research.
 - Drew University has appointed Thomas Yoshikawa, MD, as Provost effective July 1, 2005. Dr. Yoshikawa has served as the Chairman of Medicine at Drew University and KDMC for nearly 10 years.
 - The University also appointed a new Designated Institutional Officer, Nancy Hanna, MD, effective July 1, 2005.
- ***KDMC Operations and Services Planning for August Board of Supervisors' Discussion***
 - The County signed an agreement with Shattuck Hammond Partners LLC to explore contracting with a private sector health system to assume the operation of KDMC. Meetings are scheduled this week.
 - DHS continues to develop options for the configuration of KDMC and Dr. Garthwaite met with Dr. Yoshikawa and Mr. Bart Williams to review timeframes regarding Drew University.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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